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CHAOS
AND THE
CROWN
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SONIC

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THE HEDGEHOG



WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD UNIQUE AND BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES--WHERE SONIC AND THE HEROIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS WORK TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL!

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS, OUTSIDE THE CIVIC CENTER.

STAKING OUT A FREE CONCERT ALL DAY. YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO PLAN A SECOND DATE.

SORRY, SONIC. I JUST WANT US PREPARED IF THINGS GET OUT OF HAND LIKE LAST TIME.*

*STH #221.

I'M GLAD SO MANY OF YOU COULD SHOW UP FOR OUR SURPRISE PERFORMANCE! WE JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, AND TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD FOR THE CITY.

HOW CAN WE LIGHTEN THE MOOD WHEN A COMPUTER COULD TURN THE CITY AGAINST US ANY SECOND?

THE FORGET-ME-KNOTS WOKE US UP!

IT'S TIME TO ACT!

HEY!

YOU CAN'T JUST--!

YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART. STEP BACK.

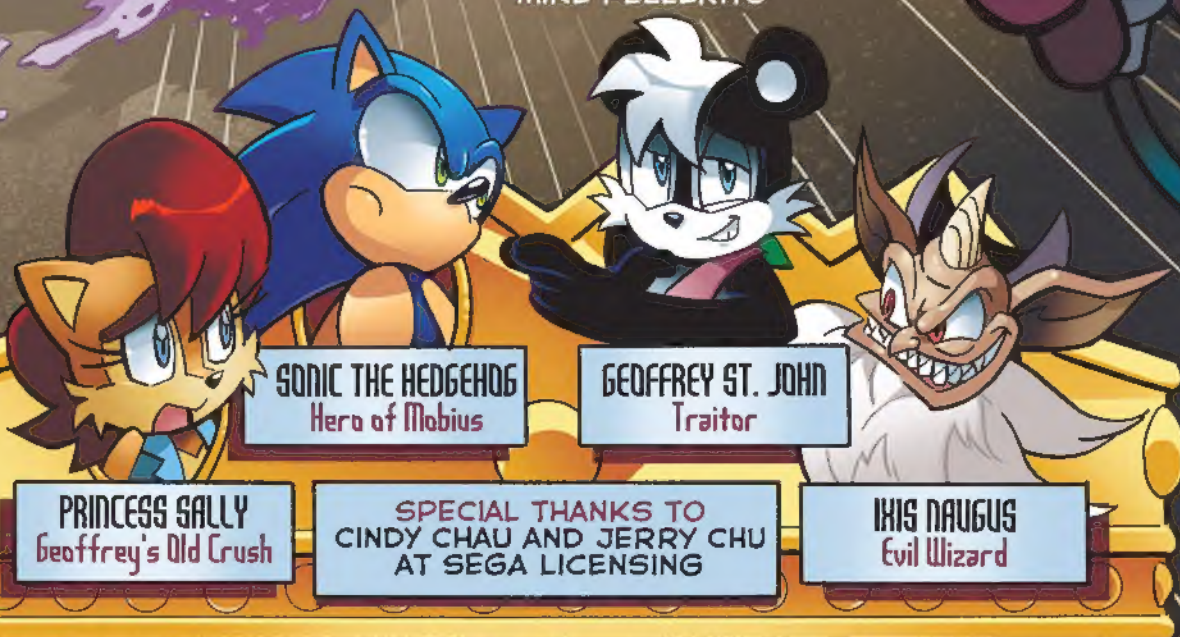
GEOFFREY!

CHADS AND THE CROWN

PART ONE: THE RIGHT TO RULE



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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Hero of Mobius

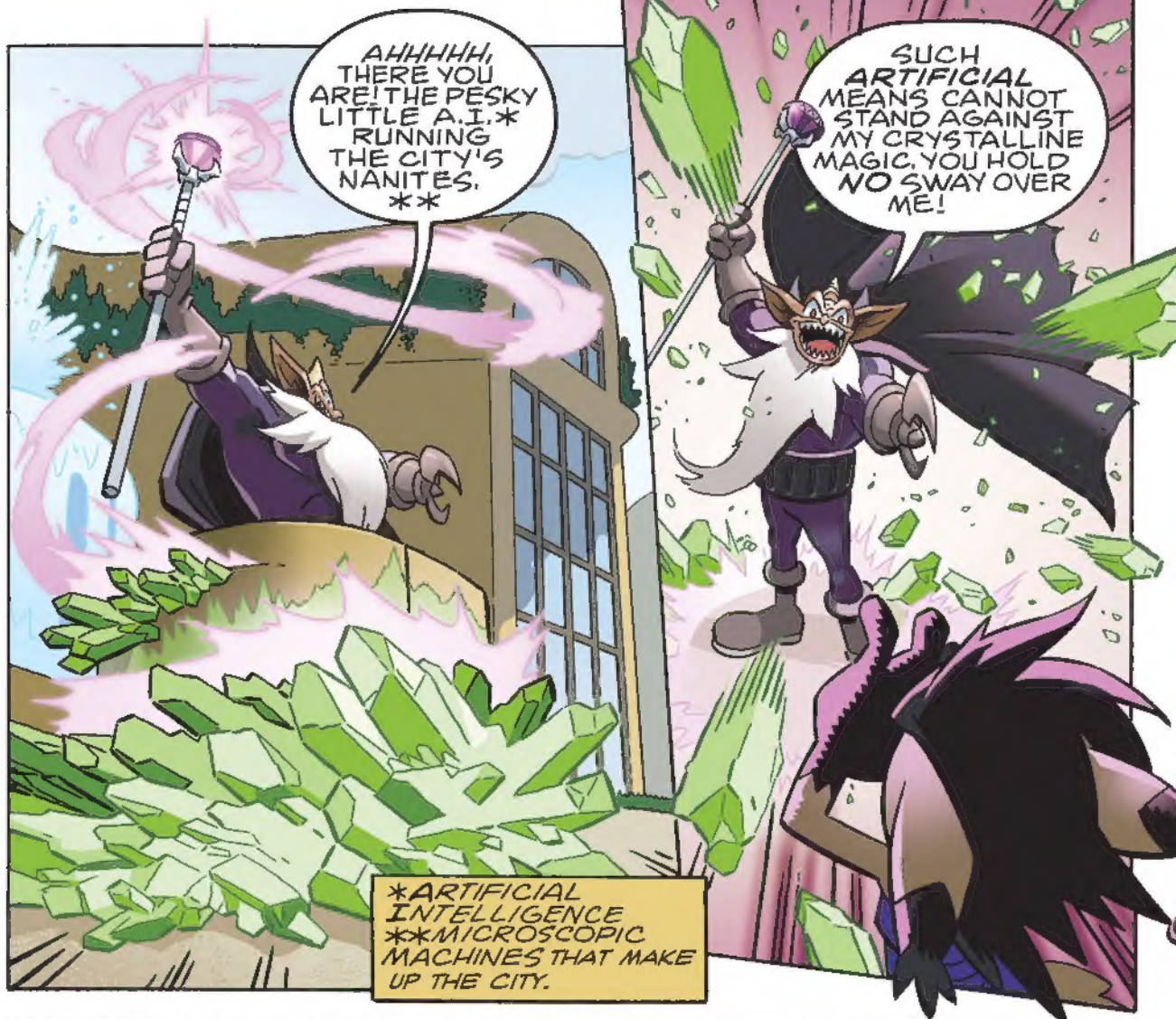
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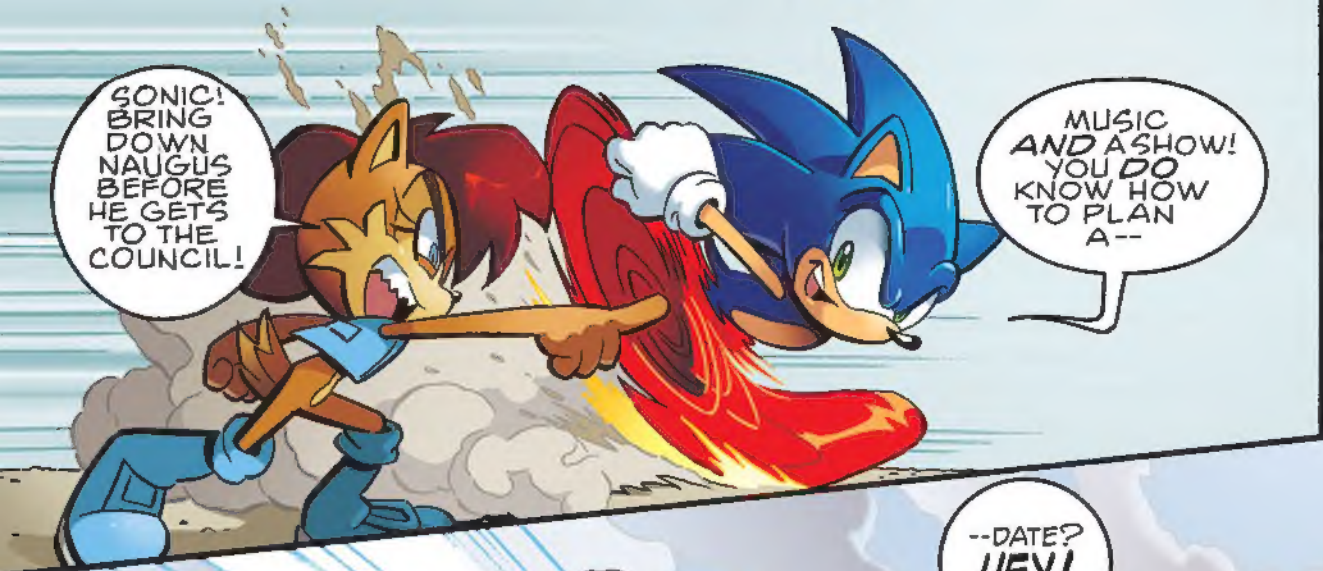
PRINCESS SALLY
Geoffrey's Old Crush

SPECIAL THANKS TO
CINDY CHAU AND JERRY CHU
AT SEGA LICENSING

IXIS NAUGUS
Evil Wizard







SONIC!
BRING
DOWN
NAUGUS
BEFORE
HE GETS
TO THE
COUNCIL!

MUSIC
AND A SHOW!
YOU DO
KNOW HOW
TO PLAN
A--



--DATE?
HEY!



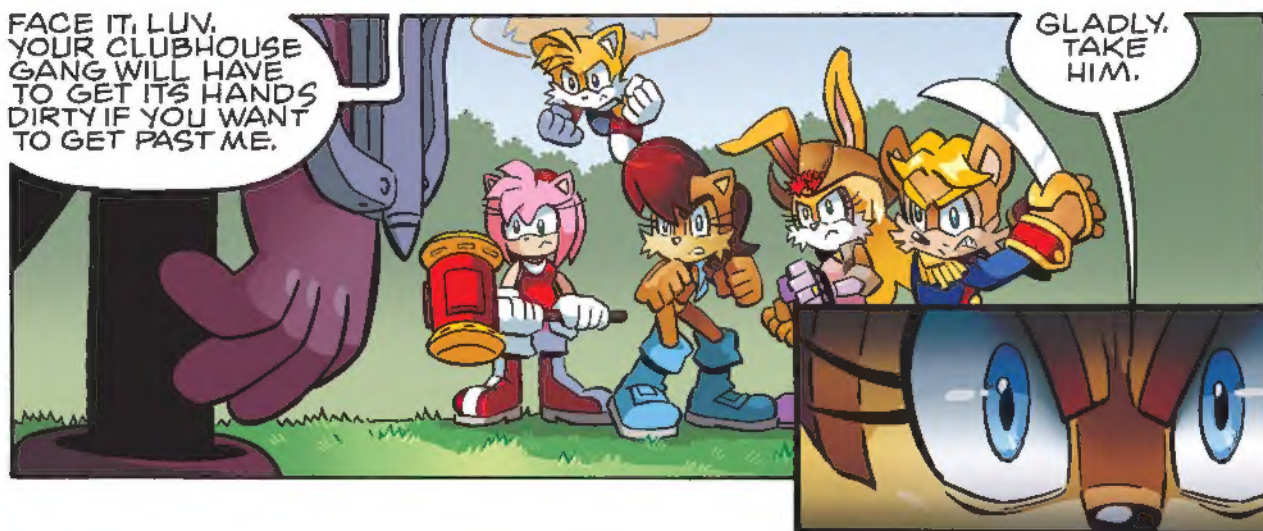
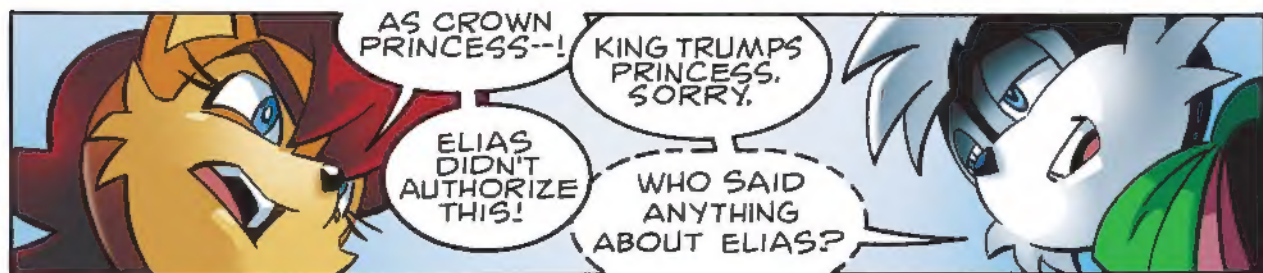
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MASTER
OF THE
ELEMENTS.

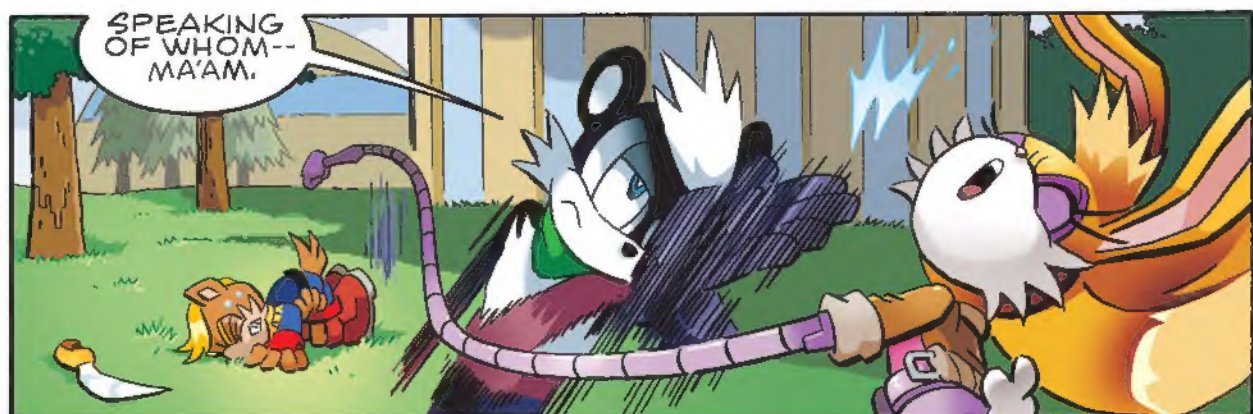
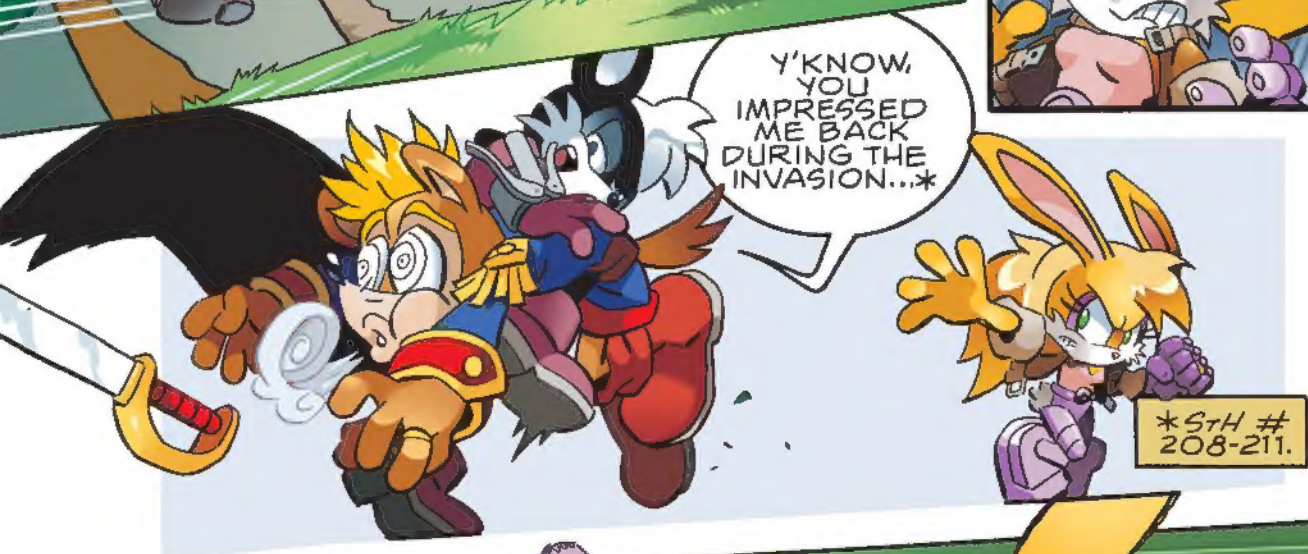
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YOU FORGET
SO EASILY,
QUICKSTER?

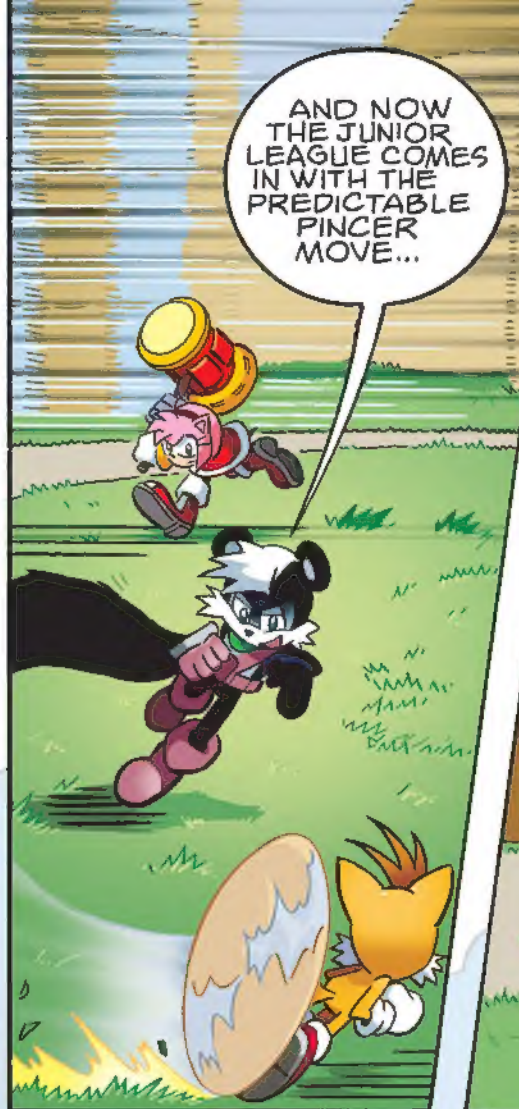


MAYBE.
WANNA
BET I'M
FASTER
THAN
YOU CAN
CHANGE--

YOW!







AND NOW
THE JUNIOR
LEAGUE COMES
IN WITH THE
PREDICTABLE
Pincer
MOVE...



...WHICH
PUTS
SALLY'S
AMBUSH--!



...HERE?

YOU'RE
TOO SMART FOR
YOUR OWN GOOD.



NOW,
NICOLE!

...WHOOOPS!



SINCE THE COMMANDER'S
SKILL SET DOES NOT INCLUDE
"CRYSTALLINE MAGIC," I
DON'T BELIEVE HE WILL BE
ESCAPING ANY TIME SOON.

THANK YOU,
NICOLE, LET'S
REGROUP...

...SO WE
CAN HANDLE
THE BIGGER...



"I'M JUST FULL
OF SURPRISES."

MEANWHILE...THE
EGGDOME--EGG-
MAN'S "ABANDONED"
BASE...

SNIVELY!
I WANT YOU
AND YOUR
EGG MOBILE
PREPPED AND
READY FOR
LAUNCH
IN TEN
MINUTES!

YES,
SIR.

I'LL MEET
YOU AT THE
ZONE GATE.
TEN
MINUTES!

SIR...

AH, GRANDMASTER
LIEN-DA! HOW IS MY
FAVORITE PATCHED-
TOGETHER LACKEY?

FINE. ALL SYSTEMS
ARE FINISHED
AND ON-LINE. THE
HULL DAMAGE HAS
BEEN REPAIRED, AND
WE'RE READY FOR
LAUNCH...

...PROVIDED
YOUR MISSION
ACTUALLY
SUCCEEDS.

OH, IT
WILL.

AND
THEN THE
REAL FUN
BEGINS!

BACK IN NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS...

CUT IT OUT
WITH THE
LAME MAGIC
AND FIGHT ME
HEDGEHOG-
TO-WEIRDO!



GAH!

CRUNCH

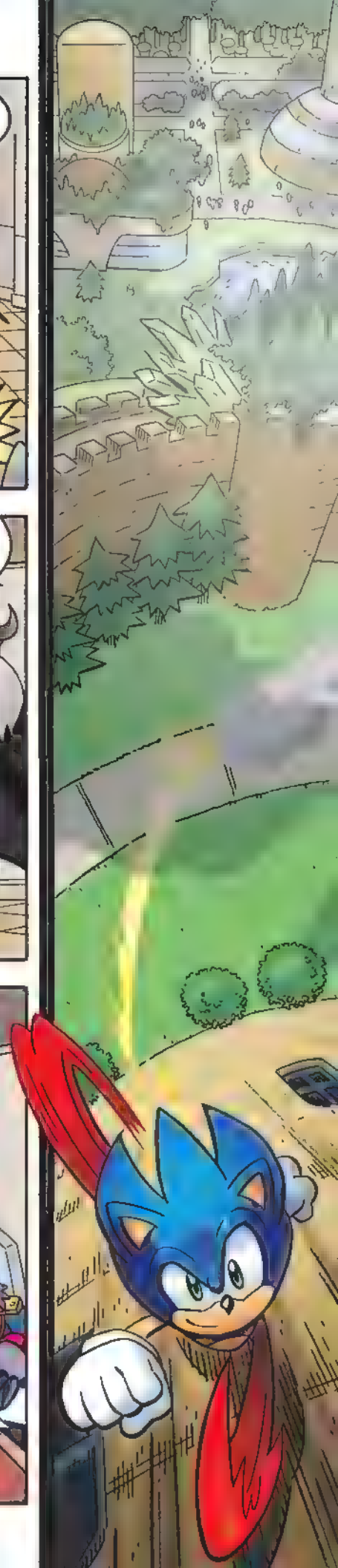
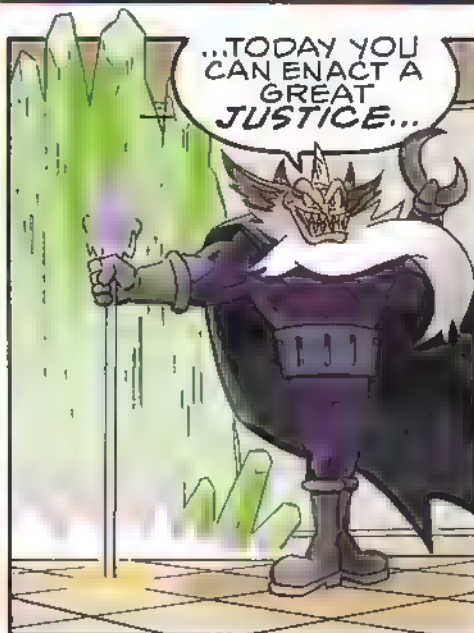
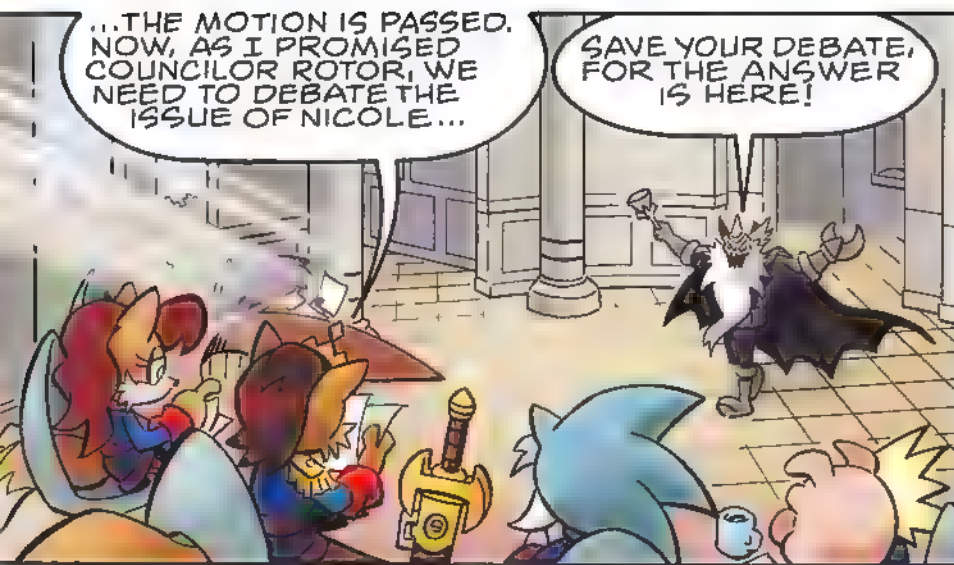


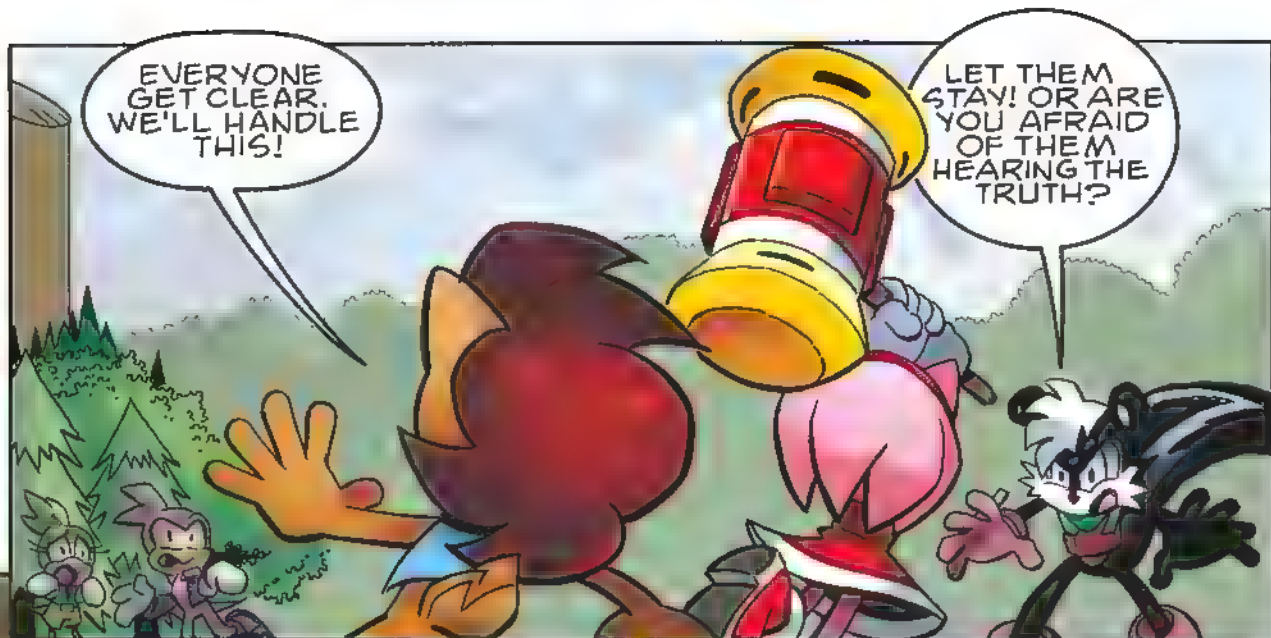
AND
JUST TO
BE SURE
WE'RE NOT
DISTURBED...

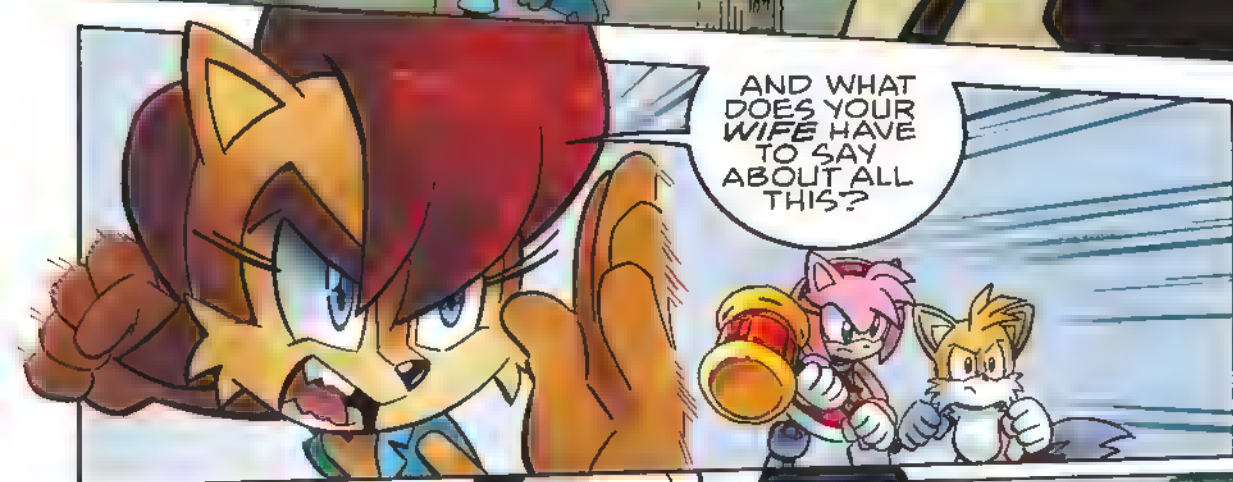
HAHAHA
HAHAHA!

STINKIN'
RASPIN'
UGLY
CREEPY
---!





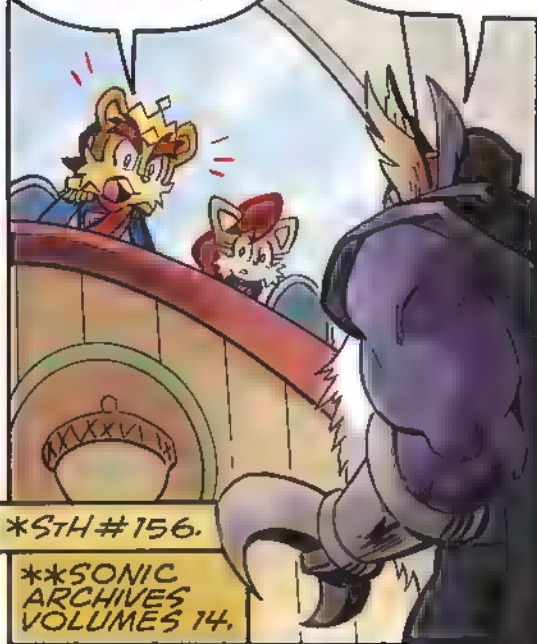




THE CROWN
RIGHTFULLY
PASSED TO ME
WHEN MY FATHER
BECAME TOO ILL
TO RULE!*

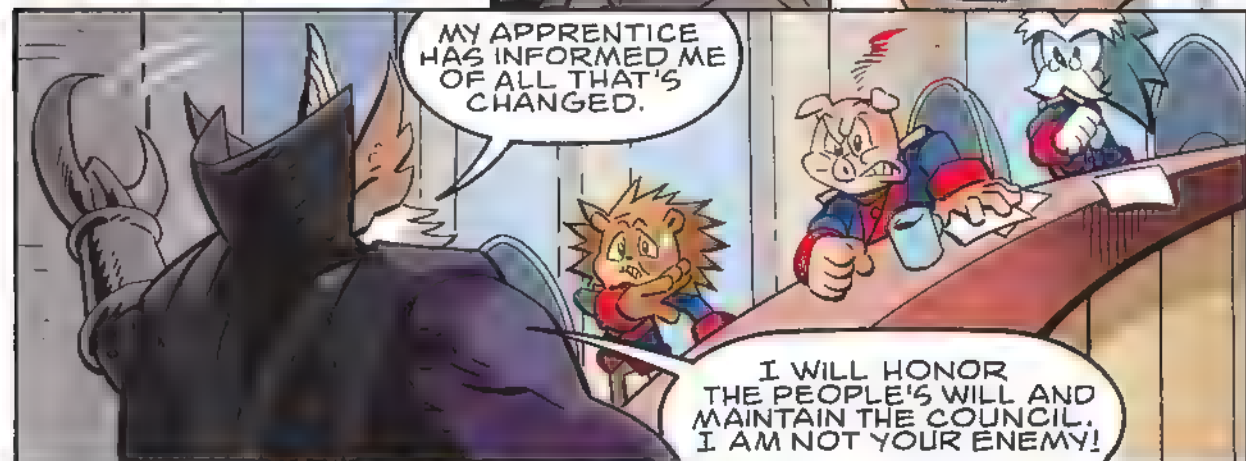
MAXIMILLIAN BECAME
MY KNIGHT IN THE ZONE
OF SILENCE! ** HE SWORE
FEALTY TO ME! THIS
KINGDOM IS MINE!

IF YOU THINK
WE'RE GOING TO
ROLL OVER AND
SUBMIT JUST
BECAUSE--!



*STH#156.

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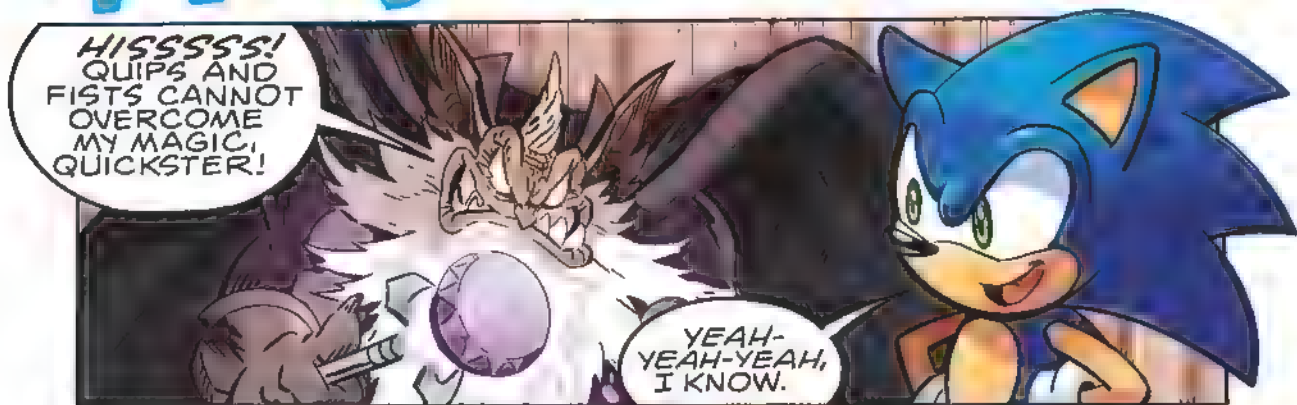
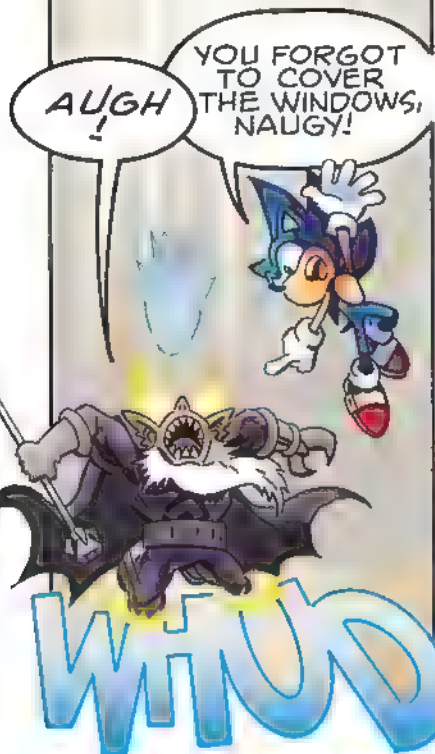


I WILL HONOR
THE PEOPLE'S WILL AND
MAINTAIN THE COUNCIL.
I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY!

NOR DO I
HOLD A GRUDGE
AGAINST THE
ACORN LINE.
YOU HAVE DONE
WHAT YOU MUST
IN THESE TRYING
TIMES.



PRETTY WORDS. BUT THE THINGS
YOU DID TO MY FATHER...

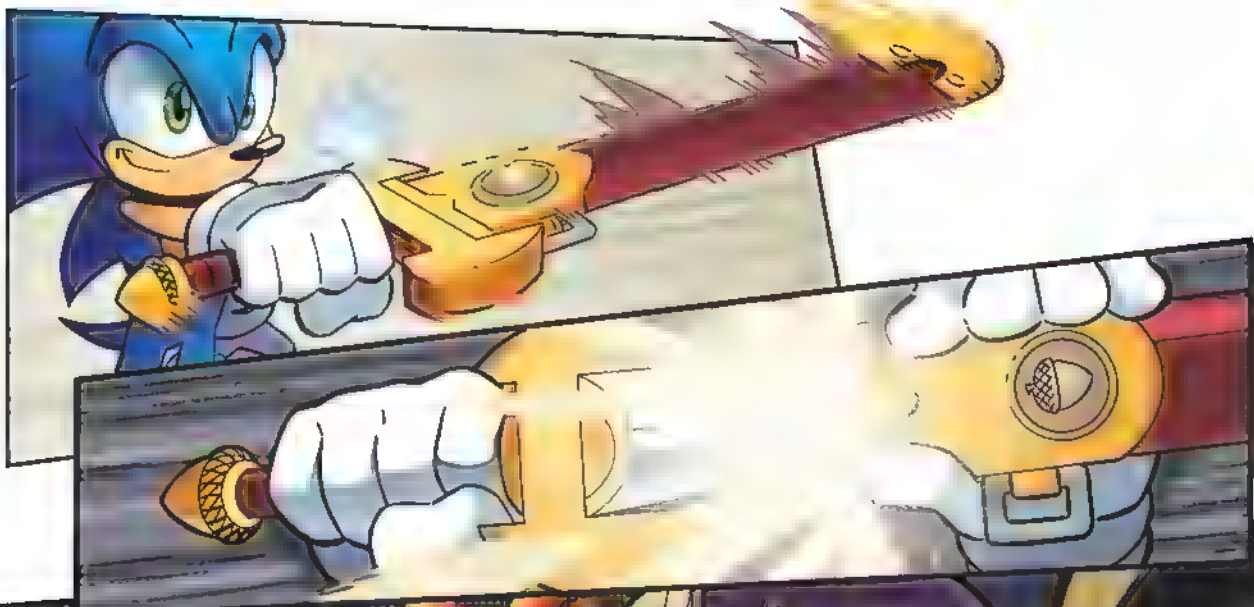


YO, ELIAS! I COULD USE A BIT OF A MAGICAL EDGE, IF YOU GET WHAT I MEAN.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN USE IT...

YOU'RE THE MOST EXPERIENCED...

...WITH THIS MONSTER, SO THE CROWN DEFERS TO YOU TO HANDLE THE INTRUDER.



YOU
CANNOT
STAND IN
THE WAY OF
JUSTICE,
QUICKSTER!

C'MERE,
UGLY!
YOUR
BEARD
COULD
USE A
TRIM!



**NEXT
TIME:**
SONIC VS.
IXIS NAUGUS!
GEOFFREY VS.
THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!
AND ONE GIANT
SURPRISE AS WE
GEAR UP FOR
ISSUE # 225!

UNTIL THEN, ENJOY
SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC
ARCHIVES, AND SONIC SELECTS!

SPECIAL ZONE HOUSE CALL

EGGDOME--
ZONE PORTAL.

WE ONLY
GET **ONE**
SHOT AT
THIS,
SNIVELY!

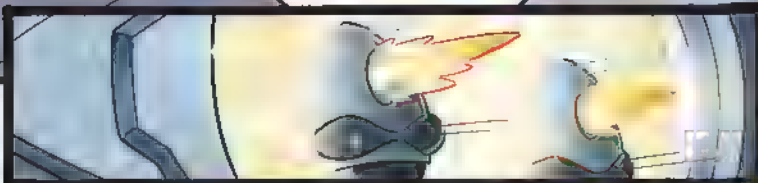
YES,
SIR.

I MEAN IT!

I'M USING
EVERY LAST
WATT FROM THIS
RAGGED CITY
TO OPEN THIS
PORTAL TO THE
SPECIAL ZONE!

YES,
SIR.

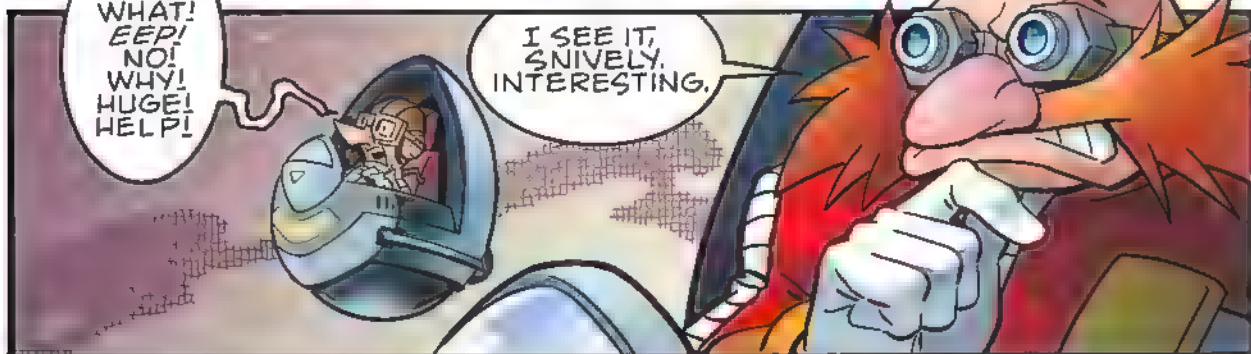
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OH! NEW
MORTALS
HAVE COME
TO FEIST'S
DOMAIN!

I!
IT!
WHAT!
EEP!
NO!
WHY!
HUGE!
HELP!

I SEE IT,
SNIVELY.
INTERESTING.



**SURELY YOU MUST
HAVE COME FOR ONE
OF FEIST'S EMERALDS!
BUT FIRST, YOU MUST
COMPETE! WILL YOU
RACE EACH OTHER
FOR THE GEM?**

**OH-HO-HO!
THAT'S IT? FLY
TO THE END AND
CLAIM IT? YOU'RE
ON!**

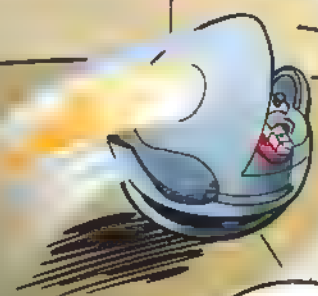
**IF I WON, I
COULD TAKE
OVER THE
WHOLE
OPERATION,
LEAVE EGG-
MAN HERE,
AND GO
RESCUE...**

**YOU'RE
ON!**


**THAT'S
THE
SPIRIT!**

**A
LITTLE
BIT OF FUN
BEFORE
WORLD
DOMINATION
NEVER
HURT ANY-
ONE!**

**YOUR
RIVALRY
PLEASES
FEIST!
BEGIN!**



WATCH IT, SNIVELY! WE'RE GOING FOR THE SAME THING!



SORRY, UNCLE! MUST BE ALL THAT WEIGHT SLOWING YOU DOWN!

HA HA
HA HA!



BLAM!



EEEEEE
EEEEEEK!


MY
EMERALD!
MY
VICTORY!



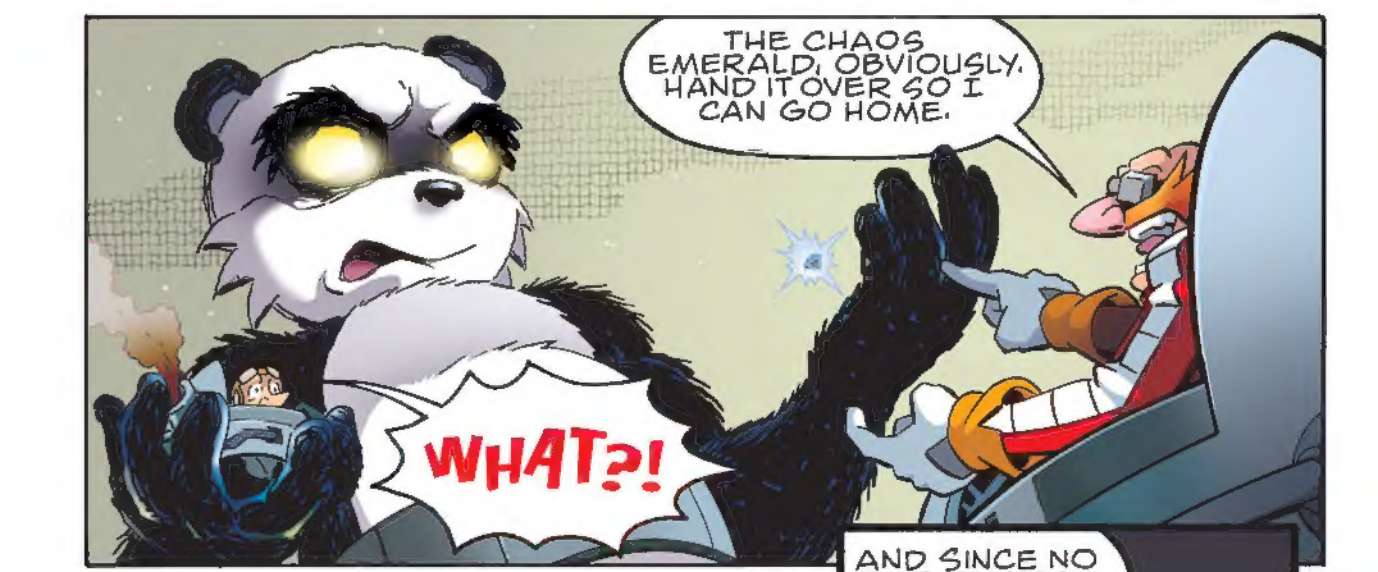
MWA
HAHAHA!
IT'S MINE!
IT'S MINE!

INDEED.
NOW YOU
FACE A
CHOICE!

NOTHING
IS EVER
SIMPLE...




YOU ARE ALLOWED
TO BRING *ONE* BACK!
WHICH WILL YOU
CHOOSE? YOUR
COMRADE, OR
THE...



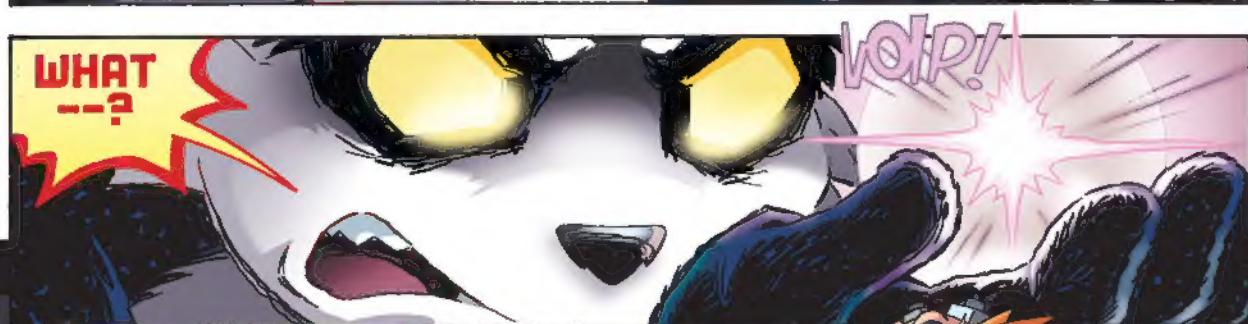
THE CHAOS
EMERALD, OBVIOUSLY.
HAND IT OVER SO I
CAN GO HOME.

WHAT?!



BRILLIANT! SIMPLY
MAGNIFICENT! AND
IT'S "SONIC BLUE,"
FITTINGLY
ENOUGH!

AND SINCE NO
ONE DENIES
DR. EGGMAN
ANYTHING...





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SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.14 PRESENTS:



the "SONIC VERSUS..." ART CONTEST WINNERS!

The winners seen here each receive a copy of SONIC ARCHIVES vol.14! Thanks to everyone who entered, and keep them eyes peeled to the Sonic Blogs @ www.archiecomics.com for more cool art contests!



Brittany M.
from Texas



Carlos A.
from New York



Mike K.
from Tennessee



OFF PANEL

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WAH-HA-HA-HA!
AT LAST! WITH THE
POWER OF THIS GEM
MY PREPARATIONS
ARE COMPLETE!



TRANSFORMATION!



NOW TO DEFEAT
THE HEDGEHOG IN THE
RING OF HONOR!



EL GRAN
GORDO - AWAY!
WHOOOSH!

I'M SORRY
YOU HAD TO SEE
THIS. HE'S STILL
RECOVERING FROM
THAT BREAKDOWN
IN #200.



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Dear Sonic-Grams,
I'm a huge Sonic fan but I'm also an even bigger fan of Knuckles.

I love Knuckles too! Did you read his latest epic adventure in Sonic Universe's arc#3: "Echoes of the Past"? It was awesome! Plus he got to fight Dr. Finitevus, who's a MAJOR baddie in the Sonic U!

While I was pleased to hear about the release of the Knuckles Archives graphic novels, I feel the need to begin the rallying cry for Rad Red, the excellent echidna, the gallant guardian himself, to once again have his own regular series. So I urge my fellow Knuckleheads to write in and make their voices heard!

Sincerely,
J.R.

from Ontario,
CANADA

Hey! You beat me to that Knuckles Archives plug! Well, J.R., you never know what's coming down the line -- and while I can't say that a new Knuckles ongoing series is likely to happen anytime soon -- if enough fans write in, we shall see!

Dear Sonic-Grams & Tracy Yardley!
I have been a fan of you and of the Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe comics for a long time!

Tracy says hi! He's currently drawing Sonic Universe #29 AND an upcoming issue of STH at the

moment!

Congratulations on the 200th issue of STH!

Thanks!
Sonic+gigantic robot spider+Eggman's complete mental breakdown= comic book GOLD!

Out of the 223 Sonic the Hedgehog comics you have so far I have only missed one, number 200.

Gah! Spoiler alert!

Tracy, you are so great at drawing and I'm looking forward to many more years of Yardley-Sonic goodness! I also have some questions for you:

1) Are you guys ever going to bring back Manic and Sonia, Sonic's brother and sister? They are my favorite hedgehogs.

Wow - I had NO idea there were this many Manic and Sonia fans out there from the "Sonic Underground" TV show! Well they won't be showing up in the comics -- HOWEVER -- we have our very own Manic and Sonia characters! Check out Sonic Universe's arc#2: "30 Years Later"!

2) Is Tommy turtle really gone?

Which time? (lol yes he's toast)

3) Are Nicole and Espio in love?

Is a hologram capable of "love"? She certainly seems capable of emotion

in some form or another! Write in and tell us what you think!

4) What happened to Amy Rose in the "30 Years Later" arc?

Good question!

I hope you write back.
Sincerely yours,
Mary Lee F.
from Ohio

Thanks for writing in,
Mary Lee!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
What happened to you guys? I sent a letter to you and for some strange reason you never replied back. Anyway, on to some questions about Sonic. Now, who wants a chili dog? What happened to Dulcy? You never hear about her during the Iron Dominion. Also, will we ever be seeing Tails' uncle Merlin?

Michael M.
from Illinois

In short, we try to respond personally to all letters but given the volume of letters we get each month we don't always get to everyone. In fact, at this very moment, there is a rather large stack of Sonic fan mail about to fall on and bury Vin the intern!

To answer your questions: Dulcy will make a brief appearance in one form or another soon, and Merlin is part of the NEO-WALKERS!

See ya next month!

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**THE FINAL STOP
ON THE ROAD TO 225!**
AS IXIS NAUGUS AND SONIC SLUG IT OUT, DR. EGGMAN RETURNS WITH A RATHER LARGE TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE!
"CHAOS & THE CROWN" pt2 (of 2)
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